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SUBJECT: SOVIET UN NOTE ON BERLIN STATUS

REF: A. USUN 2253; B. STATE 130391

1. SUMMARY: WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR ALLIES
TO ISSUE BRIEF RECONFIRMATION OF THEIR VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO
BERLIN STATUS BY WAY OF REBUTTAL TO SOVIET LETTER FOR PURPOSE OF
ALLOWING US TO REST ON CLEARLY STATED POSITION AND AVOID EMBARKING
ON COUNTLESS FUTURE EXCHANGES IN UN FORUMS ON NOMENCLATURE
ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

2. SENAT REACTED QUICKLY TO PUBLICATION OF SOVIET LETTER
ASSERTING EAST BERLIN IS INTEGRAL PART OF GDR AND QUADRIPARTITE
AGREEMENTS RELATE ONLY TO WEST BERLIN. SENATOR FOR
FEDERAL AFFAIRS STOBBE STATED QA COVERED ALL OF BERLIN AND
WARNED SOVIETS AGAINST EFFORTS TO TALK QA DOWN INTO
AGREEMENT ONLY ON WESTERN SECTORS. PRESS SPOKESMAN STRUVE
FOCUSED ON SOVIET ATTACK IN SEPARATE LETTER TO UN SYG AGAINST
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FRG ROLE IN BERLIN MATTERS, CALLING UPON SOVIETS TO "RECOGNIZE

REALITY" THAT FRG REPRESENTS INTERESTS OF WEST BERLIN WITH EXCEPTION OF SECURITY AND STATUS MATTERS. CHAIRMAN OF CDU FRAKTION LUMMER ACCUSED SOVIETS OF WAGING WAR OF "DIPLOMATIC NOTES, PASSPORTS, STAMPS, AND INSIGNIA TO LOOSEN CITY'S TIES TO FRG."

3. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PUT OUR VIEWS FIRMLY ON RECORD AGAIN, NOT ONLY AS REASSURANCE TO BERLINERS WHO, AS ALWAYS, ARE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO INDICATIONS OF POLITICAL CLIMATE RESPECTING CITY'S STATUS, BUT ALSO AS MEANS OF INDICATING TO UN MEMBERS IN GENERAL THAT ALLIES MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION AND REJECT SOVIET EFFORTS TO LIMIT APPLICATION OF QA AND QUADRIPARTITE DECLARATION TO WEST BERLIN. IF PROPERLY WORDED WE WOULD THINK REPLY WOULD LIMIT DEBATE WITH SOVIETS AND AT SAME TIME COULD BE USED AS BASIC DOCUMENT RESERVING OUR POSITION AND ALLOWING US TO AVOID JUMPING INTO BATTLE EVERY TIME IN FUTURE THAT SOME PART OF UN USES UNFORTUNATE BERLIN NOMENCLATURE.

4. POSSIBLE TEXT MIGHT BE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

WITH REFERENCE TO THE LETTER OF JUNE 19, 1974 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS THE THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE WISH TO STATE THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS MUST REITERATE THE VIEWS CONCERNING BERLIN SET FORTH IN THEIR LETTERS OF MAY 1, 1974. WHILE THEIR GOVERNMENTS CONSIDER THAT NO USEFUL PURPOSE WILL BE SERVED BY REPEATED RESTATEMENTS OF WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS, THEY WOULD NOTE THAT IT IS WELL ESTABLISHED THAT THE RELEVANT QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING THAT OF SEPTEMBER 1971, AS WELL AS THE QUADRIPARTITE DECISIONS AND PRACTICES REFERRED TO IN THE QUADRIPARTITE DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 9, 1972 RELATE TO ALL OF BERLIN. KLEIN

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